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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1954.

Public Health Office,
32, South Street,
BRIDPORT,
Dorset.

June, 1955.

To the Chairman, and members of the
Bridport Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1954.

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The health of the community has been good. No serious outbreaks of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year. Although the standardised Birth Rate was lower than the National Birth Rate, the standardised Death Rate was also lower.

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended to me by members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Colonel Maddocks, the Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. Newman, the Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

I am, your obedient servant,

A. Arnit

Medical Officer of Health.

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

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Clerk to the Medical Officer.....Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres.	31,769
Registrar General's estimate of population	7,490
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at the end of 1954) ..	2,745
Rateable Value.	£35,701
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£143

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.	M.	F.	
Total Births.	49	30	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	46	30	resident population - 10.55 crude.
Illegitimate.	3	-	12.87 corrected.
			Comparability Factor 1.22

Still Births.	M.	F.	
Total Still Births.	2	3	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	2	3	resident population - 0.67

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age.

	M.	F.	
Total.	1	2	Death Rate of all Infants per 1,000
Legitimate.	1	2	notified Births - 37.97

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

	M.	F.	
Total.	1	1	Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks
Legitimate.	1	1	per 1,000 notified births - 25.32

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.....Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births.....Nil.

Deaths at all ages and from all Causes.

M.	F.	
52	48	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated
		resident population - 13.35 crude.
		9.21 corrected.
		Comparability Factor 0.69.

Note. - Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. It's object is to level out differences in the age and sex consitution of the population of the various Districts and it's use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males. 1-3 Qrt.	Males. 4 Qrt.	Females. 1-3 Qrt.	Females. 4 Qrt.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2	-	-	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	2	-	1	-	3
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	2	-	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	3	-	2	4	9
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	3	1	5	3	12
18. Coronary disease, angina.	8	2	5	3	18
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	3	1	1	1	6
20. Other heart disease.	4	2	9	2	17
21. Other circulatory disease.	4	2	-	1	7
22. Influenza.	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	2	2	1	1	6
24. Bronchitis.	-	1	-	-	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-	1	-	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	-	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.	-	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	-	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	2	-	-	-	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	-	-	1	1
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases.	2	2	3	1	8
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
35. Suicide.	-	3	-	-	3
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	36	16	31	17	100

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Population	6895	6843	7138	7266	7612	7605	7729	7670	7593	7669	7490
Rateable Value	£30959	£32895	£33057	£33768	£33714	£34029	£34772	£35271	£36052	£36733	£35701
Estimated Produce of Penny Rate	£129	£134	£137	£137	£141	£141	£143	£145	£147	£148	£143
BIRTHS.											
Live Births	79	92	136	118	104	109	109	97	97	102	79
Legitimate	71	77	130	113	99	102	105	95	94	99	76
Illegitimate	8	15	6	5	5	7	4	2	3	3	3
Still Births	4	3	-	1	2	2	4	3	1	2	5
Live Birth Rate (crude)	11.5	13.4	19.1	16.2	13.7	14.3	14.1	12.7	12.8	13.3	10.6
Live Birth Rate (corrected)							16.3	14.6	14.6	15.2	12.9
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales)	15.6	16.1	19.2	20.6	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2
DEATHS.											
Total Deaths	115	118	99	107	116	116	110	111	93	103	100
Death Rate (crude)	12.4	17.2	13.9	14.7	15.2	15.3	14.2	14.5	12.2	13.4	13.4
Death Rate (corrected)						10.8	10.1	10.1	8.5	9.4	9.2
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	11.6	11.4	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3
INFANT MORTALITY.											
Deaths under 1 year	2	6	4	1	1	5	1	-	3	2	3
Infantile Death Rate	25.3	65.2	29.4	8.5	9.6	45.9	9.2	-	30.9	19.6	38
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)	53	46	43	41	34	32	29.6	29.7	27.6	26.8	25.5
MATERNAL MORTALITY.											
Maternal Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)	2.97	1.79	1.43	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76	0.69

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The District is made up of 18 parishes with a combined area of 50 square miles and a population of 7,490. Agriculture is the basic industry, mostly dairy farming, and the villagers along the 20 mile coast cater for holiday makers. Many of the householders are engaged (part-time) as outworkers in the Net and Twine Industry based on Bridport Borough.

Water Supplies.

The Rural District Council supply Charmouth and Puncknowle and parts of Askerswell villages, while the following supplies are privately owned.

(a) Chideock Water Works Company.
(b) Whitchurch Canonicorum Water Works Company.
(c) West Bexington Water Works Company.
(d) The Colfox Estate, Symondsbury.
(e) The Pass Estate, Wootton Fitzpaine.
(f) W.T. Bridges' supply, Ryall.
(g) Hastead's supply, Morcombelake.
(h) The Bridport Water Works Company Ltd.
(i) Barnes' supply, Symondsbury.

Bridport Water Works Company Ltd.

This Company, in addition to supplying the Borough of Bridport, also supplies in the Rural District Council's area, the parishes of Bothenhampton, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock, parts of Litton Cheney, Allington, and Symondsbury, although their statutory area also includes the parishes of Loders and Swyre. Approximately 2,500 people out of a total of 4,000 in the statutory area, receive Company's water including 250-300 dependent on standpipes. In connection with the proposed Puncknowle Water Scheme, the Rural Council have been given permission by the Company to supply part of the parish of Swyre.

In January, the Council agreed to the proposal of the Joint Water Committee of the Bridport Borough and Bridport Rural District Councils that, after considering the Report of their financial advisors, any further consideration of the proposal to acquire the Bridport Water Works Company's Undertaking should be abandoned.

Askerswell.

25 people in this village receive piped supplies by the Council. The sources of the supply are from various springs which are piped by agricultural or collar pipes to various stone and brick collecting chambers; these sources yield 6,500 gallons with a storage capacity of 2,000 gallons. Nothing has been done regarding the renewal of defective pipes, the construction of proper collecting chambers and the protection of the springs as mentioned in previous Reports. A further supply of 6,800 g.p.d. is available in the Square and consists of a well and a standpipe nearby.

Charmouth.

44,750 gallons are collected from shallow sources and supply 800 persons (with a summer population of approximately 2,000) through 4 miles of mains and a reservoir of 40,000 gallons approximately. The supply is gravitational and the water is fully treated by storage, filtration, hardening, and chlorination.

Stage II of the Improvement Scheme for laying new 3" A.C. pipes from Fernhill Cross Roads direct to the reservoir has not been carried out.

Investigations regarding the replacement of the 2" C.I. main along Higher Sea Lane were made towards the end of the year and preliminary works were carried out in an endeavour to locate additional sources in Greenlands.

Water shortage is still experienced during the summer months and additional supplies must be found to overcome this deficiency.

Chideock.

In September 1953, the Ministry agreed the terms for the purchase of the Chideock Water Works Company by the Council but suggested certain alterations to the original scheme. These suggestions were being investigated.

There is a shortage of water during the summer months in this village.

The Council own a well worked with a hand pump supplying a few houses at the top of West Road, and a scheme was drawn up to pipe the water to the houses but the scheme was not proceeded with.

Fishponds.

This hamlet obtains it's supply from a road side standpipe which comes from a small reservoir of 625 gallons capacity fed by various springs.

Litton Cheney.

During the year the Bridport Water Works Company, under guarantee by the Council, completed the work to supply the higher parts of the village.

Loders.

In connection with the proposed housing site, a water supply scheme has been preliminarily prepared for extracting water from a spring between Yondover and Uploders, but until proposals for the housing site and main drainage for the village have advanced further, no more work regarding the water supply is being undertaken,

Morcombelake.

The Council's Huts and a few surrounding properties are supplied by water piped from a small reservoir which is fed from three sources on Hardown Hill. This hill also supplies a large part of the village through the private Hastead and Bridges' supplies. A well with an average yield of 600-700 gallons per day supplies the eight Council Houses at Stanton St. Gabriel.

Puncknowle.

As far back as March 1950, a Public Enquiry was held but the findings of the Enquiry have not been implemented so far. The scheme embraced the construction of a 30,000 gallon capacity reservoir on common land and the laying of 3" diameter asbestos mains through the villages of Puncknowle and Swyre and on to the hamlet of Bexington. The source yields 8,000 gallons per day. The scheme is planned so that it can fit in with any future area scheme. Tenders have been invited and accepted by the Council and it only awaits sanction of the Ministry to go ahead.

Shipton Gorge.

The scheme for this village was commenced during the year but not completed, owing to certain difficulties which arose regarding the laying of the mains on the concrete surrounds to the sewers along the lines of coincidence and the construction of the reservoir. It is estimated that the scheme will be completed during 1955.

Symondsbury.

The Colfox Estate supplies parts of this parish including the village of Symondsbury, while the Bridport Water Works Company supplies other parts of the parish including West Cliff Estate at West Bay.

Swyre.

Although this parish is within the statutory area of the Bridport Water Works Company, this Company has granted to the Council the right to supply water to part of the parish from the proposed Puncknowle scheme.

West Bexington.

The unsatisfactory and inadequate private supply to this hamlet will be superseded by the proposed Puncknowle scheme.

Whitchurch Canonicorum.

At the end of 1952 the Whitchurch Water Company asked the Council to take over the Undertaking and the latter agreed to negotiate the purchase. The supply is inadequate for the needs of Whitchurch village and the Council asked that investigations should be made to see if the supply could be supplemented.

Wootton Fitzpaine.

The Council Houses at Partway are supplied from the Pass Family Trust piped supply, the Council having constructed a hardening chamber, and at Monkton Wyld Cross, the Council House site obtains it's water from the Axminster R.D.C.'s mains.

Analyses.

The following table shows the results of Bacteriological and Chemical analyses carried out during the year.

Bacteriological.

	Total.	Satisfactory.	Suspicious.	Unsatisfactory.
Local Authority.	7	4	-	3
Private.	9	7	1	1
Chemical.				
Local Authority.	2	1	-	1
Private.	2	1	-	1

Approximately 3,500 people take supplies from Public Mains, 1,000 receive piped water supplies from private Undertakings and the remaining 3,000 in the District rely on shallow wells and springs of doubtful quality, and insufficient quantity.

The Council are fully aware that the District is inadequately supplied and have taken steps to remedy this position by appointing a firm of Consultant Water Engineers to go into the question of a comprehensive water scheme for the whole District, and to make a report as soon as possible. This report, it is estimated will be placed before the Council early in 1955.

Drainage and Sewerage.

As stated in previous Reports, the District is not satisfactorily sewered and all the streams are receiving crude sewage from the villages through which they flow. This is particularly true at Charmouth, Chideock, Burton Bradstock, Symondsbury, Bradpole, Shipton Gorge, Puncknowle and Walditch.

Bradpole.

During the year, the scheme for the Coneygar Estate sewer was twice revised at the request of the Bridport Borough Council, and a tender was accepted, and the Ministry's consent was asked for, but up to the end of the year this consent was not received,

Burton Bradstock.

In July, the Ministry's Inspector held an Enquiry into the proposed sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for the village. Tenders will be invited early in 1955.

Charmouth.

A scheme for Charmouth prepared by the Consulting Engineers has been approved by the Council and a Public Enquiry is now awaited.

Loders.

The main drainage scheme for Loders has been postponed and the Council have decided that the proposed Council Housing Site at Yondover shall have it's own independent scheme.

Puncknowle.

The scheme for the laying of sewers and the construction of a disposal plant has been prepared in outline form, but is not being proceeded with owing to the hold up in the water supply scheme.

Shipton Gorge.

Tenders were invited for the scheme and work was commenced in July and is still proceeding.

Future Schemes.

The Council have decided that future schemes shall have the following priority, Chideock, Walditch, and Symondsbury villages.

Maintenance.

Sewer maintenance is carried out to the Council's sewers and drains in Bradpole, Bothenhampton, Charmouth, Chideock, East Road, Loders, Symondsbury, Walditch, West Cliff, and West Road, but owing to shortage of staff the work programme was somewhat disrupted.

Public Cleansing.

A monthly collection of refuse and salvage at present operates, indestructible household refuse only being collected. The Council have a 3/4 ton Bedford lorry engaged on this work, the Karrier Bantam lorry having been withdrawn from service during the year and the chassis and body were converted into a trailer. Refuse is dumped into old quarries at Bennet's Hill, Burton Bradstock and Litton Cheney, and into disused pits at Charmouth and Bothenhampton. The tip at Charmouth became full towards the end of the year and tipping on this site has now ceased. The Council are now investigating a new site for refuse disposal for the western part of their district.

31 visits were made during the year in connection with public cleansing.

Petroleum, Spirit and Carbide.

Number of Petroleum licences granted during the year.....11.

One visit was made in connection with the above.

Shops and Offices.

7 inspections were carried out but no Notices were served.

Smoke Abatement.

No Nuisances arose over smoke emission, and no visits or inspections were made.

Eradication of Vermin.

No houses were dealt with during the year.

Rodent Control.

In May, the Council agreed to employ for 12 months trial, two part-time operatives who would make two surveys and reports on Rodent Control, and who would also inspect infested premises after Notices had been served by the Council on the owners or occupiers.

Twelve minor infestations were investigated and dealt with as follows :-

By owners or occupiers on advice given.....4.

No. of Informal Notices under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act. 1949. served.....8.

" " " complied with.....7.

No. of Statutory Notices under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. served.....3.

" " " complied with.....3.

Twenty-nine inspections were made during the year. Rat disinfestations are carried out to the Council's refuse dumps at approximately quarterly intervals.

Camping Sites.

Spending holidays in caravans or tents is becoming more popular every year, and the lovely coast of this Rural District attracts large numbers of holiday makers.

31 camping licences were issued or renewed authorising the use of 367 caravans on 31 sites, and winter storage of 203 caravans on 16 of these sites; 4 of these licences were issued to owner occupiers for the use of one caravan each on the site of proposed dwellings pending the erection of the houses.

6 applications, covering 17 caravans on 6 sites, were refused on the grounds of inadequate sanitary conditions.

The 23 beach huts at Seatown, 13 at Eype's Mouth, and 14 at West Bexington were approved as Temporary Buildings on an annual licence held by the owners and renewable.

55 visits were made to camping sites and 8 Informal Notices were served.

During the year, the all-the-year-round camping site at Bradpole was closed and the huts and caravans removed.

Schools.

Of the 12 schools in the area, 8 receive Pasteurised milk and 4 T.T. milk; all have piped water supplies; 3 have bucket or vault closets, while the remainder have water closets. Burton Bradstock Primary School was closed in February, for a few days owing to the water closets being frozen.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Under P.H.A. 1936 (Nuisances).....	117	Under P.H.A. 1936 (Byelaws)...	834.
Factories Act. 1937.....	4.	Shops Act & Food & Drugs A.38.	4.
Water Supplies.....	523.	Sewers etc.....	106.
R.D.C. houses re. repairs.....	224.	Housing sites & schemes.....	490.
River diversions & pollutions.....	9.	Conveniences.....	45.
Town & Country Planning Act. 1947..	64.	Infectious Diseases.....	8.
Miscellaneous.....	7.		

Informal Notices (P.H.A. 36) served.	29.	Complied with.....	21.
" " (P. of R.P.A.1876) "	-.	Complied with.....	-
		Not complied with (includes 3 served in 1948).....	3 ¥
" " (Factories Act.1937)	-.	Complied with.....	-
		Not complied with (includes 3 served in 1948).....	3 ¥
Statutory Notices (P.H.A.36) served..	7.	Complied with.....	3
" " (F.A.1937) "	-	Not complied with (includes 3 served in 1948).....	3 ¥
" " (Water Act. 1945)"	2.	Complied with.....	2

¥ The Factory and adjoining premises on which these Notices were served, will be connected to the sewage disposal plant which will be constructed during 1955 for use in connection with the Allington housing site, and the Notices will then be complied with.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

Following upon the decontrol of meat in July, thd Council received one application for the renewal of a licence to keep premises as a slaughter house. The licence was granted after the owner had carried out the required improvements, and slaughtering commenced at the beginning of November. Meat inspection at this slaughter house is carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon employed part-time by the Council. Five visits were made to the slaughter house by the R.D.C. staff during the year. The slaughter house at Skilling was transferred to the Bridport Borough Council under the Bridport (extension) Order on 16th. March, 1954.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed.	208	209	119	1489	810
Number Inspected.	208	209	119	1489	810
All Diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	1	-	2	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	21.	48	-	89	37.
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	10.2%	23%	-	6%	4.6%
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	9.	38	-	-	28.
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.	4.3%	18%	-	-	3.4%

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors at the end of 1954.....4.
No. of premises registered as a dairy not being a dairy farm.....2.
No. of dairies inspected..... 2. No. of Notices served.....Nil.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested"..... 1.
No. of Dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" (Pasteurised)..... 1.

Milk Sampling.

The following are the particulars of the 28 samples of milk taken in the District for analyses. These were taken by the Dorset County Council on behalf of the Rural District Council.

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Accredited.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed.	3	9	1	8	21
Failed.	-	3	-	4	7

Regarding the samples that failed, the producers of these were notified of the failures and where two consecutive samples from a producer failed, the County Milk Production Officer was requested to visit the farm.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949. Article 20.

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream.....Nil.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream..... 33.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected..... 3.

No samples were taken for analyses during the year.

Condemnation of Food.

The following foodstuffs were condemned asbeing unfit for human consumption.

Tinned Apples.....6 lbs.
" Apricots.....2½ "
" Sheep's tongues1½ "
Pork Sausages.....18 "

Food and Drugs Act 1938. Section 15 of Byelaws.

No Notice was served under the above Byelaws for infringement.

Clean Food Campaign.

No action was taken under this heading.

HOUSING.

24 new houses were completed by the Local Authority during the year, 2 at Stanton St. Gabriel, and 22 at Bradpole. 54 houses were in course of construction at Bradpole at the end of the year.

Since the war, 106 dwellings have been built by the Council in the following parishes :- Askerswell (4 houses by M. of Agr. 1945) Bradpole 22, Burton Bradstock 22, Charmouth 26, Chideock 16, Stanton St. Gabriel 8, Whitchurch 8, Wootton Fitzpaine 4.

Bridport (extension) Order 1954.

Under this Order which became operative on 16.3.54. the Rural District Council lost to the Bridport Borough a total of 74 acres, (21 acres of Allington parish, 53 acres of Symondsbury parish) and 139 houses, 134 of these having been built by the Bridport Borough Council.

At the end of the year there were approximately 150 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District.

Proposed Housing Programme.

New houses contemplated by the Council are as follows - Allington 12, Bothenhampton (Crock Lane) 8, (Walditch) 4, Burton Bradstock (Bind Barrow) 20, Chideock (Ridwood) 10, Loders (Yondover) 8, Puncknowle (Clay Lane) 8, Shipton Gorge (Greenway) 12.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected for defects.....20.
No. of inspections.....31.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous and unfit for human habitation..... 9.
No. of Informal Notices (Housing Act. 1936) served..... 5.
" " " " " " " complied with..... 5.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act. 1936. Section 19, 10, and 16.

No. of houses in respect of which Formal Notices were served.....Nil.

Public Health Act. 1936.

No. of Formal Notices served.....Nil.

Housing Act 1936. Section 11 and 12.

No. of Demolition Orders made.....Nil.
No. of houses demolished following previous Demolition Orders.....Nil.
No. of Closing Orders.....Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Section 26.

No. of houses in Clearance Orders.....Nil.

Re-housing.

No. of new houses completed during 1954 :-
(a) By Local Authority.....24.
(b) By Other Bodies.....32.
No. of families in new houses.....56. No. of persons (approx).....224.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31.12.54 :-
(a) By Local Authority.....54.
(b) By Other Bodies.....39.

Improvement Grants.

No. of improvement grant applications received up to 31.12.53..... 5.
" " " " " " during 1954.....15.
Approved.....14.
Disapproved..... 4.
Approved and later withdrawn by applicant..... 1.
Under consideration..... 1.
Value of improvement grants during 1954.....£4,756.
No. of separate dwellings included in approved applications..... 15.

Post War Houses.

No. of houses completed since the war :-

(a) By Local Authority.....106.
(b) By Other Bodies.....139.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority.....193.

Rural Housing Survey.

No. of houses in district (estimated).....2722.
Houses inspected (detailed) up to the end of 1953..... 46.
" " " during 1954..... 11.

Details of Plans submitted under Public Health Act, 1936.

Approved.

New houses 11, New bungalows 19, Conversion of buildings into dwellings 1, Additional accommodation 8, Additions and alterations 51, Installations/ Alterations to drainage 21, Agricultural buildings 21, Schools, Hospitals, and Churches (alterations etc) 2, New schools 1, Water supplies 5, Chalets and Temporary Buildings 8, Garages 30, Workshops, Sheds, and Greenhouses 19, Electricity main extensions 16, New accesses 5, Camping sites 31, New shops 4, Change of user 12, Advertisements 8, Sites 27, Diversion of Rivers and Footpaths 1, Petrol storage tanks 1.

Total 302.

Disapproved.

Agricultural buildings 1, Chalets and Temporary Buildings 1, Camping sites 6, Advertisements 1, Sites 1.

Total 10.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

There were two cases of Poliomyelitis notified; both were school children. I advised closure of the village school for three weeks where one of the cases, a boy aged 5 years, was a pupil. The second case occurred in a 13 year old boy attending a school in Bridport Borough.

There was no epidemic of either Whooping Cough or Measles during the year.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

Close co-operation was maintained between the Head Teachers, School Nurse, and the Medical Officer of Health regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools. The following cases were notified by the Head Teachers; Whooping Cough 4, Chicken Pox 34, Impetigo 2, Conjunctivitis 4.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centres. The following table shows the number of children who have been immunised up to 31.12.54.

0 - 4 years.						5 - 14 years.			
Under 1	1	2	3	4	Total 0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total 5 - 14	Total 0 - 14
3	69	61	71	91	295	473	426	899	1194

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis.

The County Council commenced in July, testing children aged 13 years and over, and where necessary vaccinating them with B.C.G. vaccine against Tuberculosis.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948.
Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises.

There were no cases during the year where it was necessary to proceed under the provisions of this Section of the Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1954.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.
Meningococcal Infection.....	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic.....	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	16	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	3	7
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2
Scarlet Fever.....	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	21	-	1	7	12	1	-	-	-	-
Totals.	51	-	3	7	21	3	1	3	4	9

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Meningococcal Infection.....	1	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic.....	2	-	2	-	-
Pneumonia.....	16	7	4	4	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	2	2	-	2
Scarlet Fever.....	3	1	1	-	1
Measles.....	2	-	-	2	-
Whooping Cough.....	21	9	11	-	1
Totals.	51	20	20	6	5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938 - 1954.

DISEASES.	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Diphtheria.....	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	1	1	-	1	4	3	6	3	5	3	2	4	2	2	2	1	-
Scarlet Fever.....	9	6	5	3	5	9	6	5	8	9	6	2	11	7	2	6	3
Enteric Fever (Inc. Typhoid).	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	-	5	-	-	2	3	-	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	7	-	2	6	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	1	5	2	1	2	6	4	3	2	2	1	2	3	7	7	11	16
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	-	5	4	1	6	8	4	2	4	1	3	3	6	4	-	6
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	1	-	1	1	3	4	2	3	5	3	-	3	-	1	1	1	-
Measles.....	Unknown	-	93	225	56	21	15	205	3	40	62	8	112	78	18	83	2
Whooping Cough.....	Unknown	4	-	47	2	10	26	24	4	60	24	34	37	62	31	80	21
Totals.	18	21	117	287	73	62	71	250	35	129	98	60	175	164	69	188	51

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods.	New Cases notified during 1954.				Deaths during 1954.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-44.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality. 1938 - 1954.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1938.	1	5	-	1	1	1	-	-
1939.	1	3	1	-	-	1	1	-
1940.	2	4	1	-	1	2	1	-
1941.	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
1942.	2	-	1	2	2	2	-	-
1943.	6	6	-	4	-	1	-	-
1944.	6	4	-	3	1	1	-	-
1945.	3	1	3	-	1	-	-	-
1946.	2	-	1	3	1	1	-	1
1947.	2	2	1	2	1	-	1	-
1948.	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1949.	3	1	-	3	-	3	-	-
1950.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
1951.	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
1952.	2	2	-	1	1	1	-	-
1953.	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
1954.	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on Register at end of 1953.	11	2	4	4
New cases notified during 1954.	4	2	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	1	3	-	-
Removals from District into other areas.	2	2	-	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	2	-	1	1
Deaths during 1954.	-	-	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1954.	12	5	3	3

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 &1948

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices.	Number of Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	26	-	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	9	-	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total.	35	-	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred.		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	-	-	-	-	-

Part V111 of the Act.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 & 111)

	Section 110.			Section 111.		
Nature of Work.	No of Outworkers in Aug. list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nets, other than wire nets.	156	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel Making.	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	160	-	-	-	-	-